

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claim 4 is canceled and claim 1 is amended. Amendments made to claim 1 are supported by the specification as originally filed, particularly: page 3, lines 27-28; page 4, lines 1-2; and page 6, lines 23-31. Pending claims 2, 3, and 5-12 depend from claim 1. Entry of the amendments and favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for returning Applicants' form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, Applicants note the Examiner did not either initial or strike through the references, making it unclear whether the references were in fact considered by the Examiner. Applicants include herewith a clean copy of the form for initialing by each reference and signature of the Examiner, indicating consideration of all references listed thereon, or strikethrough of unexamined references with an explanation as to why they were not considered.

Applicants note the Figures submitted with the application do not appear to have been examined. Examination and indication that the Figures are acceptable are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Steinberg (U.S. Patent No. 7,155,070). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, and request reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Applicants respectfully submit that all features of the invention as claimed are not disclosed in the applied reference of Steinberg. As claimed, the invention includes composing a message including "at least one identifier of a photographic support comprising a plurality of thumbnails." The photographic support thus is called by a single identifier, and the photographic

support has multiple thumbnail images, that is, it is an index. The claims further include the features of retrieving and displaying the set of selected digital images corresponding to the thumbnails on the identified photographic support, wherein each thumbnail shown includes an associated thumbnail identifier specific to the thumbnail image. A specific thumbnail identifier can be selected so as to retrieve a specific image corresponding to the thumbnail identifier.

Applicants respectfully submit that Steinberg does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least identifying a photographic support that includes multiple thumbnail images using an identifier; displaying the thumbnails from the photographic support, each thumbnail with its own identifier; or further using the thumbnail identifier to retrieve a specific corresponding image. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-12 are in condition for allowance, and favorable action is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss the matter.

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